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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: EVANS AND NOVAK COLUMN

1. INVOLVED WITH DOMESTIC POLITICS, MAKARIOS DEATH AND URBAN UNREST, TURKISH MEDIA HAVE BY-AND-LARGE IGNORED EVANS-NOVAK COLUMN. ONLY EXCEPTION AMONG MAJOR PAPERS IS CUMHURIYET (111,000 - LEFTIST, OFTEN ANTI-U.S.), WHICH PLAYED COLUMN STRAIGHT FRI 5 AUG, CARRIED WHITE HOUSE DENIAL BRIEFLY WHILE

REPLAYING COLUMN SAT 6 AUG AND ON MON 8 AUG CARRIED COLUMN BY ITS FOREIGN NEWS DEDITOR ALI SIRMEN HEADED "WHAT KIND OF PARTNERSHIP?" SIRMEN BEGINS BY REFERRING TO ANOTHER ARTICLE IN CUMHURIYET SAT 6 AUG, BASED UPON "BUSINESS WEEK" ARTICLE, THAT "CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS INCREASED PRESSURES ON NATO COUNTRIES TO INCREASE THEIR DEFENSE EXPENDITURES." SIRMEN COMMENTS, "IT IS IMPOSSIBLE THAT NATO COUNTRIES, IN WHICH SPEED OF INFLATION HAS SHOWN GREAT INCREASE IN RECENT YEARS, WILL EASILY BOW TO THESE DEMANDS.... EVERYONE KNOWS THAT IF NATO COUNTRIES INCREASE THEIR DEFENSE EXPENDITURES, THE MONEY OF THESE COUNTRIES' LABORERS WILL FLOW TO CASHBOXES OF THE GREAT AMERICAN WEAPONS COMPANIES."

2. SIRMEN THEN SUMMARIZES EVANS-NOVAK COLUMN, QUOTES APPROVINGLY AT LENGTH FROM SEVERAL STATEMENTS BY GENERAL DE GAULLE ON WHY FRANCE COULD NOT RPT NOT INTEGRATE MILITARILY WITH NATO, COMMENTS ON EVANS-NOVAK COLUMN, "IF THIS IS HOW U.S. AND NATO LEADERS LOOK AT EUROPE AND THEIR MOST SOLID AND STRONG PARTNER ON THE OLD CONTINENT FEDERAL GERMANY, I WONDER HOW DO THEY LOOK AT A FLANK COUNTRY LIKE TURKEY? IN CASE OF AGGRESSION I WONDER HOW MUCH OF TURKISH SOIL, HOW MANY TURKISH PEOPLE WILL BE SACRIFICED BY OUR GREAT FRIEND AND PARTNER U.S., WHICH HAS APPLIED ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST US? EVERYONE WHO IS IN POSITION OF AUTHORITY IN TURKEY AND WHO LOVES HIS COUNTRY IS COMPELLED IN LIGHT OF THESE REALITIES TO THINK SERIOUSLY WHAT KIND OF PARTNERSHIP NATO IS, WHAT IT PROVIDES

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